

BELFAST CENTRAL SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
September 10, 2024

School Board Members Present: Ms. Becky Backer, Mr. Jonathan Barney, Mr. Russell Calanni, Mrs. Cecy Curcio, Mr. Chris Enders, Mrs. Randa Harrington, Mrs. Josie Preston

Absent: none

District Personnel: Wendy Butler Ed. D, Superintendent, Rick Bull, 5-12 Principal, Chelsey Aylor, PK-4 Principal, Keegan Harrington, Business Manager, Gina Larrabee, District Clerk,

Others: Bruce Harrington

At 5:28 p.m. the meeting was called to order by Josie Preston, President.

Additions or Deletions	None
Financial	Keegan Harrington, Business Manager presented Budget Status and Revenue Status reports, June and July warrants, and the Internal Claims audit report. Mr. Harrington provide the June and July Treasurers report. He stated the natural gas and electric bids are on the agenda for consideration. Mr. Harrington asked that board members sign the 2024-2025 Tax Warrant.
Leadership Reports	Principal Rick Bull summarized BCS’s summer school attendance and success rates. He noted the 2024-25 school year started out very smooth for students and staff. Principal Chelsey Aylor provided the Board with the handout she also gave to elementary classroom teachers explaining communication, curriculum, and assessment expectations. She stated bench marking and the use of Seesaw by teachers is in full swing. Dr. Wendy Butler spoke about district goals, and shared about the upcoming cyber security assembly. At the end of the meeting, Dr. Butler took the Board through the school to view completed and pending construction.
Consent Agenda	Motion by Becky Backer, seconded by Randa Harrington, adopted the following Consent Agenda Items as recommended by the superintendent: Approved the minutes from the July 9, 2024 meeting minutes. Approved the Treasurer’s reports dated June and July 2024. Approved the CSE/ CPSE/ 504 committee recommendations as presented. Unanimously carried
Board Actions	
District Goals and Action Steps	Motion by Randa Harrington, seconded by Cecy Curcio, adopted the 24-25 BCS District goals and Action Steps as presented, as recommended by the superintendent. Carried 7-0
Natural Gas Bid	Motion by Becky Backer, seconded by Jonathan Barney, awarded a one-year contract to Energy Mark to provide natural gas at a base rate of \$0.110, as recommended by the superintendent. Carried 7-0
CPSE Service Contract with Allegany County	Motion by Becky Backer, seconded by Randa Harrington, approved a contract with Allegany County to provide preschool special education services from September 1, 2024 through July 31, 2027, as recommended by the superintendent. Carried 7-0

Out-of-District Students

Motion by Jonathan Barney, seconded by Chris Enders, approved the identified out-of-district students for the 24-25 school year, as recommended by the superintendent.

PK-6 Students	Grade	Home District
Kolton Lee-Michael Buchholz	5	Cuba-Rushford
Sophia Black	3	Cuba-Rushford

Carried 7-0

Sick Day Buyout

Motion by Randa Harrington, seconded by Chris Enders, authorized the use of the EBLAR reserve for the contractual buyout of sick days upon retirement for Vicki Chamberlain in the amount of \$17,437.68, as recommended by the superintendent.

Carried 7-0

Electric Bid Award

Motion by Chris Enders, seconded by Cecy Curcio, awarded a one-year electric bid award to Energy Coop of America with a bid of \$0.02137 per kwh, as recommended by the superintendent.

Carried 7-0

PERSONNEL

Appointments

Motion by Randa Harrington, seconded by Jonathan Barney, approved the following appointments, as recommended by the Superintendent. Carried 7-0

Approved the following instructional substitutes for the 24-25 school year effective September 3, 2024:

- Karen Hayes
- Becca Ellsessor
- Claire Sullivan
- Dylan Harrington
- Jace Hunzinger
- Katelyn Pastorius
- Ethan Cetton

Approved the following non-instructional substitutes for the 24-25 school year effective September 3, 2024:

- Karen Hayes
- Becca Ellsessor
- Claire Sullivan
- Carley Burrows
- Dylan Harrington
- Jace Hunzinger
- Katelyn Pastorius
- Ethan Cetton

Permanently appointed Connie Schuld to the position of teacher aide effective August 27, 2024, after successfully completing a one-year probationary term.

Approved the following people as athletic chaperones for the fall 2024 season:

- MacKenzie Hamer
- Erin Arnold
- Cassie Warnica
- Lizzy Austin

Approved the following athletic appointments for the 24-25 school year:

- Cindy Struckmann, Girls' JV basketball bookkeeper
- Cindy Struckmann, Girls' V basketball bookkeeper
- Cindy Struckmann, Boys' JV soccer bookkeeper

Appointed Heather Jaycox to the one-year probationary position of teacher aide effective August 27, 2024. Her starting salary will be \$15.10 per hour, as outlined in the SRP contract.

Terminated Kayloni Preston's position as District Treasurer effective August 14, 2024.

Approved Shelby Tucker as a co-class advisor for the freshman class for the 24-25 school year.

Approved a stipend for Keegan Harrington of \$2,000 for additional work completed for business office operations during the summer of 2024.

Approved a stipend for Kayla Green of \$2,000 for additional work completed for business office operations during the summer of 2024.

Approved a stipend for Wendy Butler of \$2,000 for additional work completed for business office operations during the summer of 2024.

Adopted the standard work day for summer recreation counselors to be 6 hours a day.

Appointed Jonathan Brennan as a substitute bus driver as of August 12, 2024. Mr. Brennan will be paid \$18.50/hour while completing requirements to obtain required school bus endorsements through the NYS DMV.

Approved Wendy Butler, Chelsey Aylor, and Rick Bull, who have completed the CA BOCES Lead Evaluator refresher training, as teacher evaluators for the 24-25 school year.

Approved Kyle Milliron as an additional hearing officer through CA BOCES for the 24-25 school year.

Appointed Emma Petrichick to the position of District Treasurer effective August 19, 2024. There is a one-year probationary period beginning August 19, 2024 and concluding August 19, 2025. This is a 12-month position that is annually appointed by the Board of Education. The rate of pay shall be \$48,000 for the 2024-25 school year, with benefits as outlined in the Confidential/Managerial Agreement.

Approved Rose Fleming as a long-term substitute to fill Lizzy Austin's leave from October 21, 2024, to January 21, 2025.

Appointed Luke Schriver who holds an initial NYS Certificate permitting him to teach ELA in grades 7-12, to the position of English Language Arts Teacher in the secondary ELA tenure area for a probationary period of four years, to commence August 26, 2024, and to end August 26, 2028. Eligibility for tenure at the end of the probationary period is dependent on Mr. Schriver receiving APPR ratings of Effective or Highly Effective in 2 of 3 preceding years and no ineffective composite or overall ratings in the final year. Mr. Schriver's salary for the 24-25 school year will be at Step A of the BTA negotiated contract.

Approved Patty Preston to be Luke Schriver's mentor for the 23-24 school year.

Unanimously carried.

Resignation

Motion by Chris Enders, seconded by Randa Harrington, approved Alex Scott's resignation from his position as a 7-12 ELA teacher effective August 25, 2024.

Executive Session

A motion by Randa Harrington, seconded by Jonathan Barney, moved into executive session at 5:42pm to discuss personnel or legal matters for purposes specified in the open meeting law. Carried 7-0

A motion by Becky Backer, seconded by Jonathan Barney, moved out of executive session at 6:02pm to discuss personnel or legal matters for purposes specified in the open meeting law. Carried 7-0

Adjournment

Motion by Becky Backer, seconded by Jonathan Barney, adjourned the meeting at 6:03pm. Carried 7-0

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gina Yanabee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

District Clerk

